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U of L group's tax status at risk

Foundation didn't study compensation, told IRS it did, director has testified

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The University of Louisville Foundation is at risk of losing its tax-exempt status, its executive director testified in October — a change that would cripple fundraising for the university.

Keith Sherman testified in October that "there's a question about the 501(c)(3) status of the foundation with the IRS" because the foundation failed to conduct compensation studies to justify the money paid to former President James Ramsey and other officers.

The board of trustees has been considering since June whether to sue the foundation and its former officers and directors to recover lost endowment money. An attorney for the university has estimated losses at between $40 million and $100 million. [U of L Foundation executive director Keith] Sherman declined to comment on the denial of coverage or whether the foundation is contesting it.

Sherman also testified that the carrier that provides insurance coverage for the foundation's directors and officers had announced it won't pay any potential claims because of "misrepresentations" in the foundation's application for coverage.

The university's board of trustees has said since June that it is weighing whether to sue the foundation to recover up to $100 million in losses attributed

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THE BIG SORT AT UPS

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The gift is bought, wrapped and boxed up for a holiday journey to grandma's. And if UPS is your delivery Santa, there is a good chance that no matter where in the world grandma lives, it will go through the UPS Worldport in Louisville.

Louisville is home to a systematic sorting hub with hundreds of miles of conveyor belts in over 6 million square feet of buildings.

Above, workers in the core building at UPS sort packages to get them to their final destinations.

UPS by the numbers

- The Worldport averages 318 flights in and out per day. That will double to more than 600 flights the week before Christmas.
- On a normal day, Worldport sorts 2 million packages. That will double to 4 million the week before Christmas.
- Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, UPS will deliver over 30 million packages in 17 of the 21 delivery days between the two holidays.
- During the holidays, UPS will deliver enough boxes to go around the world 8.5 times.

More online

Courier Journal sent three photographers and a dozen cameras to capture how the season of giving gets to where it's going. Watch a time-lapse video at **courierjournal.com**.

Rep. Dan Johnson found dead

Coroner says death is 'probable suicide'

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State Rep. Dan Johnson has died by "a probable suicide," just two days after allegations surfaced that he had sexually abused a teenage girl at the church where he was a pastor.

Dan Johnson

Bullitt County Coroner David Billings said Johnson was found with a single gunshot wound to the head at Greenwell Ford Road in Mount Washington. The spot is called the River Bottoms.

House Speaker Pro Tem David Osborne, R-Prospect, said in a telephone interview Wednesday night that he had received confirmation of Johnson's death.

"It is with great sadness that we have received confirmed reports of the passing of Rep. Dan Johnson this evening. Please keep his family in your prayers during this incredibly difficult time."

Johnson was accused by a woman of molesting her when she was 17 after a New Year's party in 2012, according to a wide-ranging report published Monday by the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting.

That was followed by calls for Johnson's resignation from both Republican and Democratic leaders. But at a press conference Tuesday morning, Johnson said that he wouldn't step down.

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